



DAISY'S BIG QUESTION by Paul Goodwin.

[This text is read aloud at the beginning of this video:]

Welcome to Stories for Lipreading. If you haven't used our website before, we suggest you look at our 'How to Use' page before you begin. We hope you enjoy this story, which is called 'Daisy's Big Question' by Paul Goodwin.

Daisy's Big Question by Paul Goodwin.

"Mummy?"

"Yes, Daisy?"

"Why don't people speak to me?"

The question came as a shock, although it shouldn't have.

"You speak to me... and Daddy... and Poppy... and Grandma ... and the lady who came to see us last week, but other people don't. They just nod or smile."

Raising a child on a farm presents lots of challenges. Once Daisy had learnt to walk, keeping her safe from animals and machinery was a full-time job. She is such an adventurous child. She is keen to learn the alphabet and numbers before she starts nursery next year. She can already write her name so we are working on her writing her address now.

"Why, Mummy?"

Daisy has had all her vaccinations and we bought the best child's car seat. We even changed our old Land Rover for something with a better safety rating. Anything to protect her.

"Why, Mummy?" she repeats, insistently tugging on my sleeve.

"Daisy, you know that there are different countries?" Daisy nods in reply.

"Well, people in different countries often speak different languages and they don't know how to speak to each other. People don't speak to you because they don't speak your language."

"Oh." She pauses and thinks. "Could we go to the country where people speak my language?"

"I'm sorry Daisy, we can't do that".

I wish more people would learn British Sign Language!